

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 5th 2002**

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## **South Dublin Radio Club**

Congratulations are due to seven members of South Dublin Radio Club who passed their theory examination recently. The seven are: Tony Ryan, Matthew O'Brien, Nicky Mullally, Tony Byrne, Daniel Cussen, Kyle O'Connell and Mick Gorman.

All have been attending the classes held over the past few months that were presided over by Jim Holohan EI4HH and Tommy Griffin EI9BTB. Most of those who passed are on the right side of 30, and one is just 16 years old - encouraging evidence that young people are still interested in taking up amateur radio.

The SDR members would like to thank Tony Fay of North Dublin Radio Club, who made the arrangements for the examination to take place.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 29th of May in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The Limerick Radio Club are pleased to announce that they will be operating from Inisheer Island, IOTA Ref EU006 in IO53 square, from Friday the 24th of May to Sunday 26th of May 2002. Operation will be on all bands from 80 metres to 6 metres inclusive. This ties in with the CW WPX contest as well as the UKSMG 6 metre contest.

The callsign for the event will be EJ-0-A. Twelve operators will be travelling and the operation will be 24 Hours a day. Further information can be found on the clubs WebPages at [www.qsl.net/ej0a](http://www.qsl.net/ej0a)

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## **Rare WAI Squares**

Joe Fadden EI3IX recently announced that he was hoping to travel to Inishkea (South

island) off the Mayo coast next weekend. Unfortunately this trip has to be put back one month. Joe contacted the ferry operators who informed him that due to the unsettled nature of the sea at present, it would be at least the last weekend in May before they could provide the trip. The trip is now rescheduled for the 8th of June (again subject to weather conditions). There are 2 WAI squares on the south island F51 & F52. The maidenhead locator is IO44. Joe intends operating on HF (Mainly 7.068 Mhz) and also on VHF/UHF (2m, 4m, 6m & 70cm). More information regarding frequencies will be given closer to the trip. If there is any further change with the dates due to weather conditions, Joe will try and give as much notice as possible.

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### **Terenure Rally**

The Terenure Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of May at Terenure College Concert Hall. Doors open at 11.00 am. Admission is €3.00. For information on stalls, contact George EI2CPB on 086-2586103.

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### **IRTS**

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on May the 18th in Portlaoise.

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### **Licensing News**

Confusion continues to arise regarding the position of the M3 Foundation Licenses introduced in the UK during 2001. As holders of Foundation licenses, M3's do not have the same privileges granted to holders of the more traditional licenses. In particular, M3's are not covered by the CEPT regulations and may not operate legally outside their licensing country, namely the UK. EI's are, of course, free to work M3's operating from a UK QTH without restriction. A problem arises if M3's seek to work on the bands from outside the UK using a callsign such as EI/M3, F/M3 or DL/M3, etc. In those circumstances, and in those circumstances only, the M3's are operating illegally, and EI's are forbidden to work them.

Some G stations, including a number visiting EI have reported a reluctance on the part of EI's to work them. It is unclear how widespread this reluctance might be but it would be regrettable if confusion over a new class of license damaged the traditional friendship that has existed between G's and EI's. Remember, the difficulty only applies to M3's and only when the M3 is operating outside his or her country of origin seeking to use CEPT privileges.

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## **Nuacht na Gaeilge**

This news bulletin is read in Irish every Sunday at 11.30 hrs local time on 7.068 MHz. Newsreaders Paddy EI7GK and Mickey EI6HY welcome call-ins regardless of the level of Irish, so don't be shy about calling in even if you can only give "cúig is a naoi". Paddy has even got emails from SWL's in England and Germany. Beidh Fáilte rómhat.

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